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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Comments

1. This action is in response to a phone conversation and subsequent proposed amendment on Monday 30 August 2004.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nicholas Gallo at 704-444-1000 on Monday 30 August 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, last line, the "." was replaced with --, wherein the X-axis carriage is flexibly connected to the rails.--;

Claims 17-28 were canceled.

Reasons For Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: During a phone conversation with applicant's attorney, Mr Nicholas Gallo on 30 August 2004, the examiner stated that the prior art of record, either by itself or in combination, did not anticipate or obviate

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the claimed limitations of claim 5 together with all the limitations of base claim 1. Thus, an amendment doing such was agreed to.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Nash whose telephone number is (703) 305-4959. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached at 703 308-2187.

The fax number for this Group is:

703-872-9306

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

Brian D. Nash 30 August 2004

> SCOTT A. SMITH PRIMARY EXAMINER